

**Town of Foxborough  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
No Quorum – August 27, 2012**

**Members Present:** Robert Boette (Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), and Valerie Marshall  
**Members Absent:** Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Douglas Davis, Judith Johnson, James Marsh  
**Staff Present:** Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager, and Lee Ann Tavares, Secretary  
**Others Present:** See attached sign-in sheet

Chairman Bob Boette called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was not present and no official business would be conducted however the attendees agreed that it would be useful to proceed.

**NRRC Update on Neponset Reservoir**

Rhys Bowen and members of the NRRC were present to provide an update on the herbicide treatment in the Neponset Reservoir. Mr. Bowen stated that on June 8, 2012 Diquat was applied to treat the milfoil. They had received improperly sized water bottles so the water was not tested until June 13, 2012. At that time samples showed non-detectable quantities of Diquat. Mr. Bowen stated that the Variable Milfoil is being controlled by the Diquat and there was no further increase in the Eurasian Milfoil. On July 18, 2012 Ken Wagner checked the algae mat problems which have been resolved. A report will be done at the end of the season and presented to the Commission. Eric Nelson asked if they had received any comments from the residents. Mr. Bowen stated that residents had seen the signs posted and were aware of the treatment and had not had any complaints. Mr. Bowen invited the Commission to a meeting with Invensys on August 29 at the Ahern School from 7-9 PM to discuss the final draft of the Class C -1 RAO. Mr. Bowen explained that Invensys does not have to propose how to clean up the cadmium for another five years. At this time they do not have a feasible or cost effective way to clean it up. Five years from now they will review the area and see if a need exists and how to clean it up. Right now they are relying on natural recovery and monitoring. Although motor crafts churn up the material wind churns up as much and to restrict motor craft in that area would be unfair to residents. Mr. Bowen stated that they were working on their comment letter and Val requested a draft copy. The Commission was also asked about mowing and drawdown at the dam. Mr. Boette will ask Bob Swanson about the mowing. Ms. Kim Mellen stated that they are monitoring the water levels and noted that the water level is currently below the chisel cut. Drawdown is usually done after Labor Day and all boards will be replaced by mid-October.

**Public Comment/Discussion**

Cindy Khalifa was present to discuss her concerns about Foundry Pond Dam and the invasive species in the Pond. She presented a letter to the Commission. Drawdown was discussed and Mr. Boette recommended that Ms. Khalifa speak with Tony Gilby from the Cocasset Lake Association.

**Continued Discussion, 46 Beach Street, DEP #157-494**

No representative present. To be added to September 10, 2012 agenda.

**New Filings Distributed to Commissioners**

- Notice of Intent – 239 East St.
- Notice of Intent – Routes 1, I-95, 140, I-495 & more – Mass DOT

**Meeting Adjourned**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Boette, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 8/30/12

Approved by Commission: 10/22/12

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**Documents, Not Referenced Above, Reviewed During Meeting**

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, August 27, 2012
2. Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location of Other Documents:

3. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in Conservation Commission's office.